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computed pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, an amount estimated by the Commission for the purpose of retaining a reserve for payment of obligations pursuant to §1301.13(e) of this chapter. Surplus funds from this reserve shall be returned to the producer-settlement fund.

(e) Add an amount equal to not less than one-half of the unobligated balance of the producer-settlement fund at the close of business on the 8th day after the end of the month;

(f) Divide the resulting amount by the sum of the following for all handlers included in these computations:

(1) The total hundredweight of producer milk;

(2) The total hundredweight for which a value is computed pursuant to §1306.2(a); and

(g) Subtract not less than four (4) cents nor more than five (5) cents for the purpose of retaining a cash balance in the producer-settlement fund. The result shall be the basic over-order producer price for the month.

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§ 1306.4 Announcement of basic over-order producer price.

The compact commission shall announce publicly on or before: The 13th day after the end of each month the over-order producer price resulting from the adjustment of the basic over-order producer price for such month, as computed under §1306.3.

PART 1307—PAYMENTS FOR MILK

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AUTHORITY: 7 U.S.C. 7256.

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§ 1307.1 Producer-settlement fund.

(a) The compact commission shall establish and maintain a separate fund known as the *producer-settlement fund*. It shall deposit into the fund all amounts received from handlers under § 1307.3, § 1307.7, and § 1307.8 of this Chapter and the amount subtracted under § 1306.3(f). It shall pay from the fund all amounts due handlers under § 1307.3, § 1307.7, and § 1307.8 and the amount added under § 1306.3(d) subject to their right to offset any amounts due from the handler under these sections and under § 1308.1 of this chapter.

(b) All amounts subtracted under § 1306.3(f), including interest earned thereon, shall remain in the producer-settlement fund as an obligated balance until it is withdrawn for the purpose of effectuating § 1306.3(d).

(c) The compact commission shall place all monies subtracted under § 1306.3(b), 1306.3(c), and 1306.3(f) in an interest-bearing bank account or accounts in a bank or banks duly approved as a Federal depository for such monies, or invest them in short-term U.S. Government securities.

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§ 1307.2 Handlers' producer-settlement fund debits and credits.

On or before the 15th day after the end of the month, the compact commission shall render a statement to each handler showing the amount of the handler's producer-settlement fund debit or credit, as calculated in this section.

(a) The producer-settlement fund debit for each plant and each cooperative association in its capacity as a handler under § 1301.9 (d) of this chapter shall be the value computed pursuant to §§ 1306.1 and 1306.2.

(b) The producer-settlement fund credit for each plant and each cooperative association in its capacity as a handler under § 1301.9 (d) shall be computed as specified in this paragraph.

(1) Multiply the quantities of producer milk that were reported by pool plants pursuant to § 1303.1 and the quantities or route disposition in the marketing area by partially regulated plants for which a value was determined pursuant to § 1306.2(a) by the

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basic over-order producer price computed under § 1306.3.

(2) For any cooperative association in its capacity as a handler under § 1301.9 (d), multiply the quantities of all producer milk reported pursuant to § 1303.1(c) by the basic over-order producer price computed under § 1306.3.

[62 FR 62826, Nov. 25, 1997]

§ 1307.3 Payments to and from the producer-settlement fund.

(a) On or before the 18th day after the end of the month, each handler shall pay to the compact commission the handler's producer-settlement fund debit for the month as determined under § 1307.2(a).

(b) On or before the 20th day after the end of the month, the compact commission shall pay to each handler the handler's producer-settlement fund credit for the month as determined under § 1307.2(b). If the unobligated balance in the producer-settlement fund is insufficient to make such payments, the compact commission shall reduce uniformly such payments and shall complete them as soon as the funds are available.

§ 1307.4 Method of payment.

If the combined total of the handler's producer-settlement fund debit for the month as determined under § 1307.2(a) and the handler's obligation for the month as determined under § 1308.1 of this chapter is greater than \$25,000, then the handler must make payment to the compact commission by electronic transfer of funds on or before the 18th day after the end of the month.

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§ 1307.5 Payments to producers.

(a) On or before the 20th day after the end of the month, each handler shall make payment to each producer for the milk received from him during the month at not less than the basic over-order producer price per hundredweight computer under § 1306.3. If the handler has not received full payment for the compact commission under § 1307.3(b) by the date payments are due under this paragraph, he may reduce pro rata his payments to producers by an

amount not to exceed such underpayment. Such payments shall be completed after receipt of the balance due from the compact commission by the next following date for making payments under this paragraph.

(b) If the handler's net payment to a producer is for an amount less than the total amount due the producer under this section, the burden shall rest upon the handler to prove to the compact commission that each deduction from the total amount due is properly authorized and properly chargeable to the producer.

(c) In making payment to producers under paragraph (b) of this section for milk diverted from a pool plant the handler may elect to pay such producers at the price of the plant from which the milk was diverted, if the resulting net payment to each producer is not less than the otherwise required under this section and the rate of payment and the deduction shown on the statement required to be furnished under § 1307.6 are those used in computing the payment.

(d) If a handler claims that the required payment cannot be made because the producer is deceased or cannot be located, such payment shall be made to the producer-settlement fund, and in the event that the handler subsequently locates and pays the producer or a lawful claimant, or in the event that the handler no longer exists and a lawful claim is later established, the compact commission shall make such payment from the producer-settlement fund to the handler or to the lawful claimant, as the case may be.

(e) If not later than the date when such payment is required to be made, legal proceedings have been instituted by the handler for the purpose of administrative or judicial review of the compact commission findings upon verification as provided above such payment shall be made to the producer-settlement fund and shall be held in reserve until such time as the above-mentioned proceedings have been completed or until the handler submits proof to the compact commission that the required payment has been made to the producer in which latter event the payment shall be refunded to the handler.

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(f) At a partially regulated plant each handler shall make payments, on a pro rata basis, to all producers and dairy farmers for milk (excluding diverted pool producer milk) received from them during the month, the payment received pursuant to § 1307.3(b).

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§ 1307.6 Statements to producers.

In making the payments to producers required under § 1307.4, each handler and each cooperative shall furnish each producer, in addition to the information required under Federal and State regulations, a supporting statement, in such form acceptable to the commission, which shall show: The rate and amount of the compact over-order producer price.

§ 1307.7 Adjustment of accounts.

(a) Whenever the compact commission verification of a handler's reports or payments discloses an error in payments to or from the compact commission under § 1307.3 or § 1308.1, the compact commission shall promptly issue to the handler a charge bill or a credit, as the case may be, for the amount of the error. Adjustment charge bills issued during the period beginning with the 10th day of the prior month and ending with the 9th day of the current month shall be payable by the handler to the market administrator on or before the 18th day of the current month. Adjustment credits issued during that period shall be payable by the compact commission to the handler on or before the 20th day of the current month.

(b) Whenever the compact commission's verification of a handler's payments discloses payment to a producer or a cooperative association of an amount less than is required by § 1307.4, the handler shall make payment of the balance due the producer not later than the 20th day after the end of the month in which the handler is notified of the deficiency.

§ 1307.8 Charges on overdue accounts.

Any producer-settlement fund account balance due from or to a handler under § 1307.3, § 1307.7 or § 1307.8 for which remittance has not been received

in or paid from the compact commission office by close of business on the 18th day of any month, shall be increased one percent effective the following day.

PART 1308—ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENT

Sec.

1308.1 Assessment for pricing regulations administration.

1308.2 Method to waive or change the administrative assessment.

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§ 1308.1 Assessment for pricing regulations administration.

On or before the 18th day after the end of the month, each handler shall pay to the compact commission his pro rata share of the expense of administration of this pricing regulation. The payment shall be at the rate of 3.2 cents per hundredweight. The compact commission may waive, or set the rate at an amount less than 3.2 cents, pursuant to § 1308.2. The payment shall apply to:

(a) The quantity of fluid milk products disposed in the regulated area from a pool plant for which a value is determined under § 1306.1;

(b) The quantity of fluid milk products disposed in the regulated area from a cooperative association in its capacity as a handler under Section 1301.9(d) for which a value is determined under Section 1306.1; and

(c) The quantity distributed as route disposition in the regulated area from a partially regulated plant for which a value is determined under § 1306.2.

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§ 1308.2 Method to waive or change the administrative assessment.

The compact commission may waive or change the assessment for pricing regulation administration to maintain the operating reserve in the range of 80% to 120% of four months operating expenses, as determined in the budget approved by the compact commission. The compact commission will announce, pursuant to § 1305.2 of this